

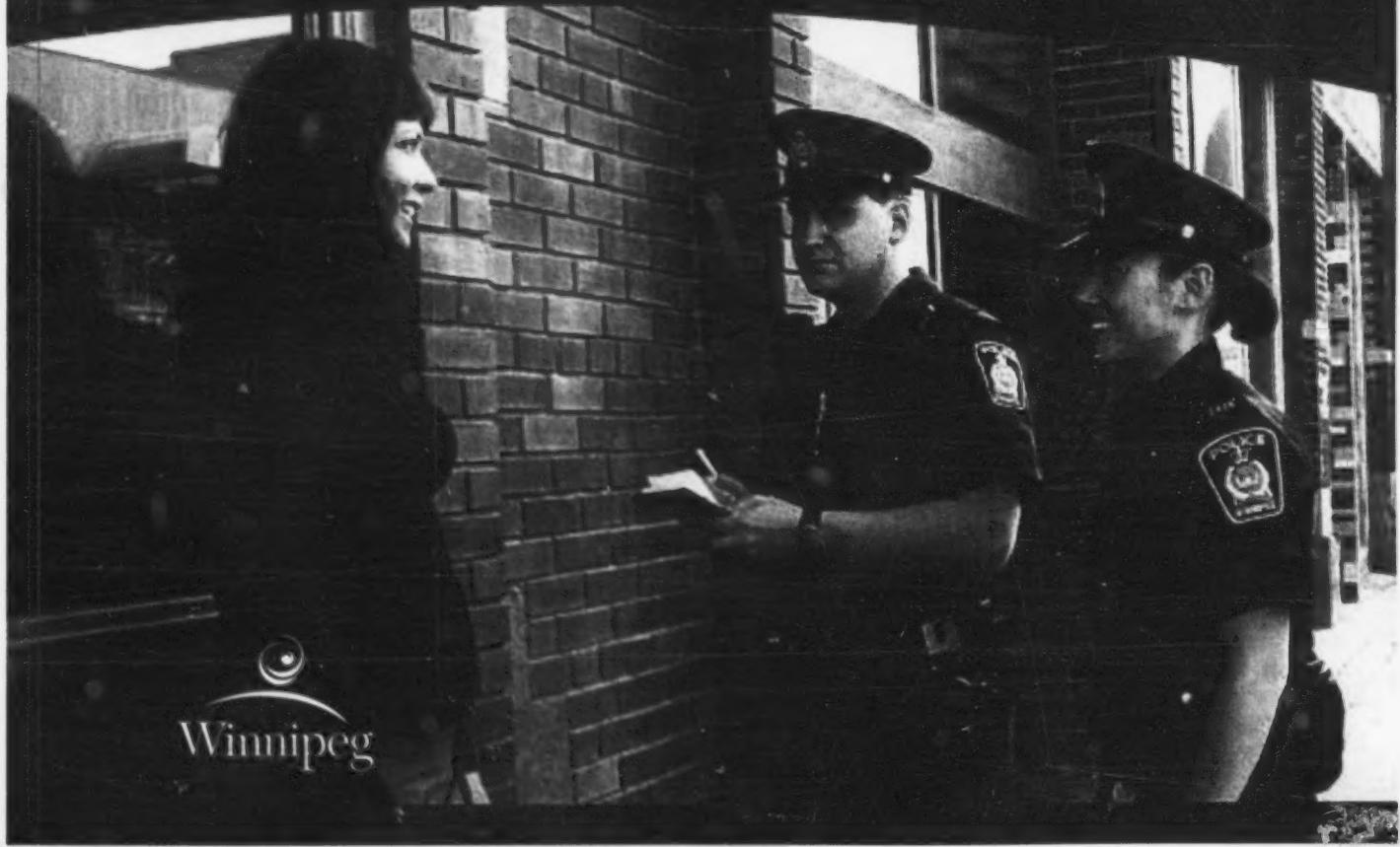


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2006

Annual Report

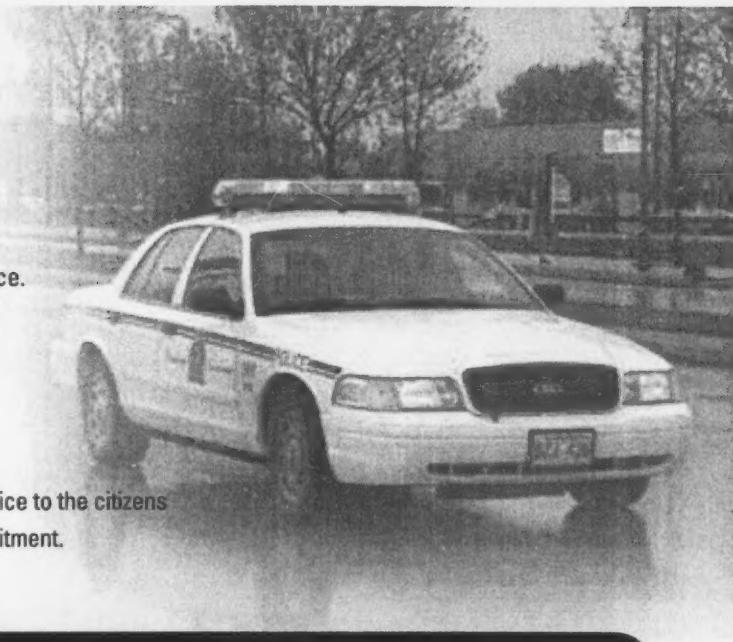
CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY



Winnipeg

VISION

Quality policing with commitment to excellence.



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a continuously improving police service to the citizens of Winnipeg through ongoing community commitment.

CORE VALUES

HONESTY | Being truthful and open in our interactions with each other and the citizens we serve

INTEGRITY | Being above reproach, ethical and doing what is right

TRUST | Being honourable and maintaining a high level of trust with each other and the members of our community

RESPECT | Valuing each other and our citizens by showing understanding and appreciation for our similarities and differences

ACCOUNTABILITY | Being conscientious, professional, dependable and accountable for our actions by the citizens we serve

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE | Adhering to strict standards of conduct and performance in everything we do

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT – CALEA ACCREDITATION



The Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) is proud to be one of a select few police agencies in Canada to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

CALEA's accreditation program helps police agencies across North America improve the delivery of law enforcement service by offering a

body of standards, developed by law enforcement practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date law enforcement topics.

CALEA recognizes professional achievements by offering an orderly process for addressing and complying with applicable standards. The WPS complies with approximately 450 standards to maintain its accreditation.



Chief Jack Ewatski



Deputy Chief
Menno Zacharias



Deputy Chief
Doug Webster

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of all members of the Winnipeg Police Service it is my honour to present our 2006 Annual Report.

The past year has been filled with tremendous opportunities and difficult challenges as we worked to provide citizens with a continuously improving police service.

These efforts were driven not only by our dedicated members, but also through many important partnerships with concerned citizens, community groups, the business community, as well as government and law enforcement agencies.

We've made great progress in our efforts to introduce our Four District Model and the creation of the East District Station. Once completed, these initiatives will contribute to more efficient deployment and will provide our members with a working environment more conducive to modern policing.

With additional resources afforded us through new police officer positions, we are better positioned to tackle some of the most pressing needs of our community.

We've continued with a successful, aggressive strategy in combating organized crime, while the creation of the Street Crime Unit, proactive work by our Stolen Auto Unit and the diligence of our Uniform Patrol members, to name a few, have had positive impacts on our City's streets.

Members also came together in partnership with the community to provide important support during important community events such as the 2006 Grey Cup, the military's Charging Bison Training Exercise and numerous other events.

The Service's civilian staff, whose work often goes unnoticed by the public, play a wide variety of roles that are crucial to the operation of our organization, on the frontlines and behind the scenes. As an example, they continued to

implement technological changes which vastly improved our efficiency in processing the public's reports and calls for service.

All the while we've maintained our commitment to community-based policing and responding to local concerns related to both traffic and criminal matters.

There is still more to be done and our members are up to the challenge.

I am constantly impressed with our police and staff members' ongoing professionalism, dedication to duty and support for one another. Ours can be a dangerous profession that demands these qualities.

Our organization and community were reminded of this fact on the evening of December 7th 2006. Members from Divisions 11, 16 and the Street Crime Unit were executing a search warrant on Jubilee Avenue when three officers sustained serious gunshot wounds. Thankfully no lives were lost and the members continue on the long road to recovery.

We are grateful for the support we received from concerned citizens, community stakeholders and our fellow law enforcement agencies from around the globe following this incident.

That type of support assists us in moving forward and, working together with the community, helps make Winnipeg a safer, more enjoyable city in which to live and work.

J. J. Ewatski
Chief of Police



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK INTEGRAL TO SUCCESS OF THE SERVICE

Providing the citizens of Winnipeg with high quality service is always a priority for the WPS. Community feedback is essential in fulfilling our commitment to continuously improve our police service.

As part of that commitment, we regularly solicit input from various community stakeholders on the direction in which we will take our Service. To ensure a wide range of input, thoughts and suggestions, we undertake a telephone survey of citizens. Our latest telephone survey, in partnership with eNRG Research, was conducted between June 12 and June 15.

Over 600 respondents were asked their overall opinion about the quality of police service in Winnipeg. Many of the questions have been asked in previous surveys conducted by the WPS allowing for a comparison between responses.



OVERALL APPROVAL RATING

- Nearly 67% (66.8%) of respondents rated the WPS as excellent-to-good compared to just 4% who rated it poor-very poor.
- The excellent-to-good rating decreased 5.4% from 2003 and 3.2% from 2001; however, it is 4.8% higher than the number of people who rated the Service excellent-to-good in 1999.
- A rating of 66.8% has typically been the "average" rate of public satisfaction with the WPS.

CITIZEN PERCEPTION OF CRIME AND SAFETY

- The majority (69%) of respondents felt the crime rate had remained about the same as the previous year, while 21% felt it had increased and 7% felt it had decreased. These numbers continue a trend of citizens observing stable crime rates.
- Ninety-three percent of all Winnipeggers felt safe walking in their neighbourhoods during the day, while 58% of all Winnipeggers felt safe walking in their neighbourhoods at night.

OPINIONS ON QUALITY OF SERVICE DELIVERY

- Eighty percent of respondents were satisfied with the way police communications operators handled calls for service, up from 78% in 2003.
- Seventy-five percent of respondents who reported an incident felt the Service did a good job of responding to the incident, compared to 57% for 2003 and 44% for 2001.
- Nearly 73% of respondents stated the Service did a good-average job of responding to calls, compared to 69% for 2003.
- Sixty-four percent of respondents who had reported an incident felt the length of time it took for the police to arrive was acceptable, down from 74.2% in 2003.
- The number of respondents who felt the wait time was unacceptable was 13%, a sharp increase from 2.2% in 2003.

While a public opinion survey is a requirement under accreditation standards, it also provides us with a road map for improvement.



PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY ESSENTIAL

The members of the WPS share a heartfelt commitment to uphold the law, protect life and property, and maintain good relations with the public we serve. Members generally carry out their duties without public complaint, and often receive praise and support from the public. There are instances, however, when a citizen may feel unjustly treated by our members.

As part of our efforts to provide citizens with an open and accountable police service, we are committed to investigating allegations of police misconduct.

The Service is confident in two proven, reliable options available to citizens wishing to report allegations of improper police conduct – our internal Professional Standards Unit (PSU) and the Province of Manitoba's Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA).

- LERA is an independent, non-police agency established under *The Law Enforcement Review Act* in 1985 to investigate public complaints about police. LERA deals only with complaints about municipal police performance arising out of the execution of duties. It does not investigate criminal matters.
- Under the authorization of the Chief of Police, PSU is responsible for thoroughly, fairly, and impartially investigating allegations of regulatory breaches and criminal misconduct by members of the Service.

PSU FILES INITIATED IN 2006	
Criminal Complaints	68
Non-Criminal Complaints	135
Public Contacts	63
Total	266

*Includes files closed in 2006 initiated/opened in previous years

2006 RESOLUTIONS/DISPOSITIONS	
Abandoned	1
Crown Opinion - No Charge	2
Divisional Commander Referrals	94
Information Only	70
Insufficient Evidence	1
Not Sustained	6
Sustained	8
Unfounded	3
Pending	90
Total	273*

POLICE OFFICER'S CODE OF ETHICS

As a police officer, I recognize that my primary obligation is to serve the public effectively and efficiently by protecting lives and property, preventing and detecting offences, and preserving peace and order.

I will faithfully administer the law in a just, impartial, and reasonable manner, preserving the equality, rights, and privileges of citizens as afforded by law.

I accept that all persons rich or poor, old or young, learned or illiterate, are equally entitled to courtesy, understanding, and compassion. I will not be disparaging of any race, creed, or class of people. In the performance of my duties, I acknowledge the limits of my authority and promise not to use it for my personal advantage.

I vow never to accept gratuities or favours or compromise myself or the Service in any way.

I will conduct my public and private life as an example of stability, fidelity, morality, and without equivocation adhere to the same standards of conduct which I am bound by duty to enforce. I will exercise self-discipline at all times. I will act with propriety toward my associates in law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

With self-confidence, decisiveness, and courage, I will accept all the challenges, hardships, and vicissitudes of my profession. In relationships with my colleagues, I will endeavour to develop an "esprit de corps".

I will preserve the dignity of all persons and subordinate my own self-interests for the common good. I will honour the obligations of my office and strive to attain excellence in the performance of my duties.

MEMBERS COMMITTED TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The WPS receives excellent support from the City of Winnipeg's elected officials and administration who continue to ensure the Service has funding to address emerging crime trends.

These investments in public safety help the WPS maintain its strong position in the fight against illicit activities. With one of the largest budgets of any City department, we do not take the trust we've been afforded lightly.

Commitment at all levels has enabled us to stay within budget while maintaining effective service to the community.

The Service has initiated a number of reviews to either reduce contractual costs, develop efficiencies by increased computerization of services, eliminate paper, modernize equipment, streamline procedures and train members to more efficiently use new technology.

These efforts have contributed to the Service providing good value to citizens.

AUDIT UNIT CREATED

Many corporate entities are facing increasing pressure to deliver services in the most cost effective manner and the WPS is certainly no exception.

We face the challenge of delivering a more dynamic, broad range of services that places continuous strain on our resources. This directly impacts on the workload of our members and their ability to perform at the levels required in order to achieve our goals.

To ensure we are using our available resources most effectively, the WPS formed an Audit Unit in 2006.

This Unit's function, in part, is to provide insight into the operations of the various entities within the Service. Recommendations by this Unit will place emphasis on having a positive impact on both our members and the service they provide.

PER CAPITA POLICING COSTS

(As of December 31, 2006)

Population ¹	648,600
Police per Residents	1/499
Operating Expenses ²	\$134,318,216.00
Per Capita Cost	\$207.09

¹ Statistics Canada 2006 population estimate, based on census data.

² Tax Supported Expenses.

AUTHORIZED 2006 COMPLEMENT*

Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief	2
Superintendent	3
Inspector	18
Staff Sergeant	26
Sergeant	90
Patrol/Detective Sergeant	170
Constable	991
Non sworn (staff) members	359
Total Members	1,660

*Includes externally funded positions:

6 police – funded by MPI • 1 staff – funded by MPI

88 police – funded by the Province of Manitoba

17 police – funded by the Winnipeg Airport Authority

2 police – funded by the Government of Canada (National Weapons Enforcement Support Team and Community Corrections Officer)

3 police – funding shared by WPS, Winnipeg School Division

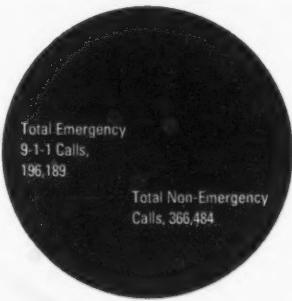


COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE MEMBERS A LIFELINE FOR CITIZENS

When every second counts, the women and men serving in our Police Communications Centre can be counted on to be there for citizens in their times of need.

The team in the Communications Division provides a trusted lifeline between members of the community and the public safety services they require. The Communications Centre processes incoming telephone calls on 9-1-1 and non-emergency lines to determine the appropriate response. The Centre is also responsible for the deployment of police resources in emergency and non-emergency situations.

2006 TOTAL INCOMING PHONE CALLS: 562,673



Busiest Day: Friday, June 30, 2006.

Total Incoming Calls = 2241

Busiest Average Month: June

Slowest Day: Monday, December 25, 2006.

Total Incoming calls = 831

Slowest Average Month: December

IMPROVING PHONE REPORTING CAPACITY

Effective public service delivery remains one of the main goals of the WPS.

Members of the Direct Voice Entry (DVE) Unit assumed responsibility for managing all telephone response reports as part of a plan to assume responsibility for stolen vehicle reports as well.

Previously, all minor thefts and mischief reports that did not require additional investigation were managed on the telephone by uniformed personnel assigned to Planned Response Units or the Division 11 Community Support Unit/Station Duty.

Between 500-600 reports of this nature are generated each week.

Assigning responsibility for these jobs to the trained and experienced team in DVE improves service delivery. Their skills, combined with a 24-hour shift schedule, helps the Service improve the timeliness and accuracy of theft and mischief reports that do not require additional investigation as well as stolen vehicle reports.

ON THE FRONT LINES

The heart of the Winnipeg Police Service's organizational strength beats within our six uniform patrol divisions.

Uniform Patrol members are our most visible police presence, responding to emergency calls for service with a wealth of skills, experience and knowledge. These women and men also use proactive patrol practices and the latest criminal investigative techniques to protect the lives and property of citizens.

Neighbourhood Foot Patrol Officers and Community Police Officers are assigned to certain areas of the city where they become more visible and form important relationships with the communities they serve. This knowledge of the community enables officers to work with residents to solve problems and deter criminal activity through their high visibility and willingness to partner in community initiatives.

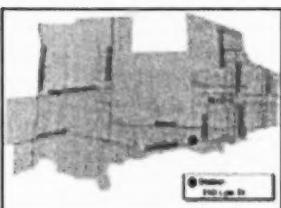
Following are some examples of their excellent work:

- Winnipeg played host to Grey Cup week in November. Additional police resources were assigned to the numerous events held throughout the city as part of a comprehensive plan to ensure that persons attending these events and the game could safely do so. The WPS, in partnership with Manitoba Public Insurance, also operated the Roadwatch Program throughout Grey Cup week. The intent was to ensure we had a visible presence on Winnipeg streets with an emphasis on providing a strong deterrent to keep impaired drivers off the streets.
- To preserve public safety and order, and the safe, free flow of traffic, officers from across the city responded to a series of monthly mass bike rides. The rides, with as many as 300 participants, were intended to promote cycling as a viable mode of urban transportation and were organized without specific leaders or route plans. In certain instances cyclists began disregarding *The Highway Traffic Act* by taking up several lanes of traffic, riding the wrong way down one-way streets, failing to stop for numerous red lights and driving on the sidewalk, creating a safety concern and leading to a series of charges being laid against offending participants. The WPS continues its attempts to work with this group by keeping the lines of communication open and meeting with representatives in order to ensure that future rides comply with the law.
- In response to a growing number of car break-ins, the Division 11 Community Support Unit initiated surveillance projects and increased patrols that led to the arrest of a number of serial offenders. The Unit continues to monitor these culprits in an effort to stem these activities and make downtown Winnipeg a safer neighbourhood.
- Members in Division 13 teamed up with concerned citizens and the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone to create the North End Ambassador Project. Funding for the initiative was secured in September 2006, and the inaugural 22 trained volunteers began patrolling Selkirk Avenue, Main Street and areas of Point Douglas in December. The Ambassadors work under the direction of a retired officer, and receive formal training in first-aid, safety and note-taking from active WPS members. The team not only assists our members by serving as our eyes and ears but exhibit true care and commitment to the community. It is a model that has proven successful throughout our city, with WPS members helping community stakeholders establish and maintain effective foot patrol programs in areas including the Downtown, Exchange District, Osborne Village, West End and Corydon.

DISTRICT 1



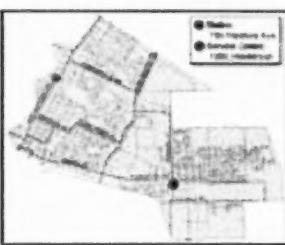
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DISTRICT 6



- In 2005, there was a number of citizen complaints regarding skateboarders and cyclists on the sidewalks along the busy Corydon strip. In response, increased enforcement during peak periods was introduced along with a public education and awareness campaign led by area officers in 2006. This drastically reduced the number of related complaints while increasing the enjoyment of Winnipeggers and visitors who flock to this busy area.
- Twenty-eight police and staff members, with the support of members of Canadian Pacific Railway Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, hosted the Service's 10th Annual Spring Feast. In traditional Aboriginal communities there was a group of individuals known as the peace keepers or warriors of a tribe. These members of the Bear Clan were responsible for protecting the community from harm and providing food to ensure no one within the community went hungry. In 1997, two Winnipeg Police Service community constables sought the advice of an Aboriginal Elder on how best to reach out to the Aboriginal community. It was through this meeting that the idea of the WPS Annual Feast was born. As WPS members, we are honoured to represent the Bear Clan at the traditional feast.
- Members of Division 13, the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the Seven Oaks Optimist Club hosted a bike rodeo at the Main Street Service Centre. The annual Bike Rodeo is a safety event designed to engage and entertain children while demonstrating bike safety inspections and teaching riding safety.
- Three new WPS Community Cadet Corps were introduced. In addition to the founding Elmwood group, two new Corps (92 members) were created in Transcona. One is a partnership with the River East-Transcona School Division and the Transcona-Springfield Action Committee. Another Corp was established at Luxton School, with 27 students. The Corps are similar to other cadet programs with a specific mission to provide youth with discipline, responsibility, respect, entertainment and the tools and skills needed to build a positive future for themselves. Open to youth ages 10 to 17, the program operates in a paramilitary setting with a team of volunteers teaching drills and leadership, and promoting good citizenship.

STREET CRIME UNIT PROVIDES PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT ACROSS CITY

On November 21, 2005 the WPS mobilized a special task force of 45 Uniform Patrol members in Operation Clean Sweep – a pilot project focusing initially on the city's West End.

Aggressive enforcement and a highly visible police presence were used to suppress general street violence and disorder, including, but not limited to, gang, drug and prostitution related offences. The task force also attended to charged/convicted persons subject to bail restrictions, curfews, Probation Orders and conditional sentences. The task force was also used to gather and exchange intelligence with other police units.

Based on the success of the initiative, the Province of Manitoba and City of Winnipeg announced ongoing, new funding in April 2006 to sustain the task force, now called the Street Crime Unit. This funding was made possible by increased fines for speeding offences under *The Highway Traffic Act*.

The Street Crime Unit's approach is one of strategic, aggressive and intelligence-led policing which is deployed as a visible presence, effecting spot checks and executing warrants and is now being deployed in hot spots of criminal activity identified in areas throughout the city.



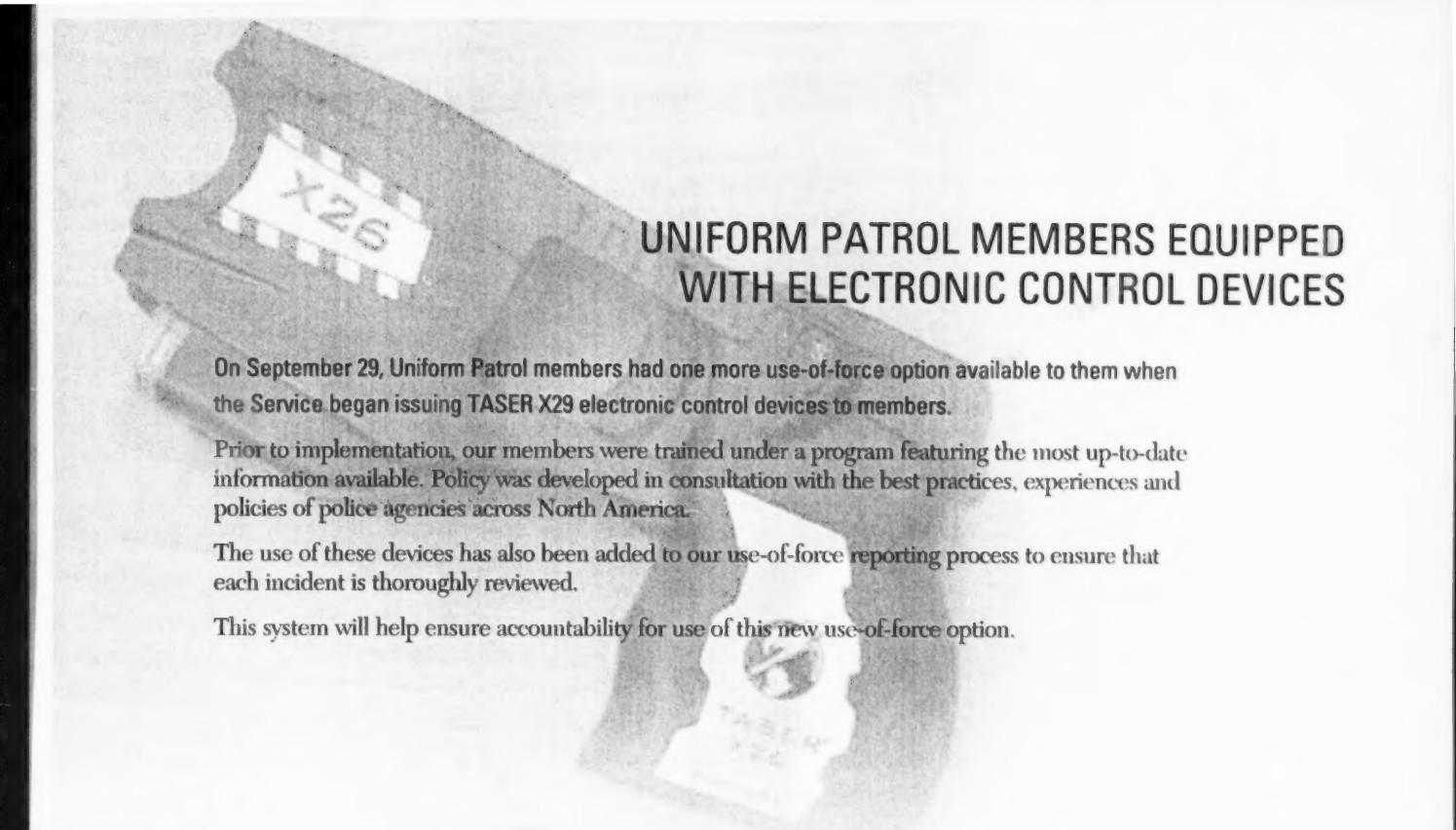
IMPROVING DISCLOSURE

With the ever-increasing need for prompt court disclosure to the Justice system, the WPS is identifying and implementing methods to make this possible.

As part of this effort, members in District 4 were involved in a pilot project that involved the scanning of essential documents for court disclosure purposes. This pilot project was a great success and resulted in the Service introducing scanning of documents to all the districts.

This allows for a more complete, timely court package for prosecutions, and reduces the amount of Crown requests to members for documentation.

The Court Unit laid a total of 39,755 charges in 2006. The Disclosure Unit processed 6,557 provincial Crown requests and 792 federal Crown requests for a total of 7,349 Crown requests in 2006.



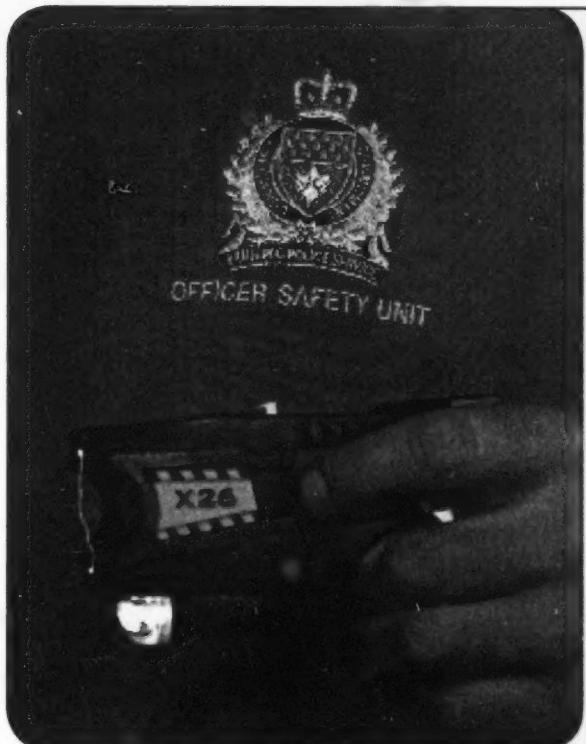
UNIFORM PATROL MEMBERS EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES

On September 29, Uniform Patrol members had one more use-of-force option available to them when the Service began issuing TASER X26 electronic control devices to members.

Prior to implementation, our members were trained under a program featuring the most up-to-date information available. Policy was developed in consultation with the best practices, experiences and policies of police agencies across North America.

The use of these devices has also been added to our use-of-force reporting process to ensure that each incident is thoroughly reviewed.

This system will help ensure accountability for use of this new use-of-force option.



INTERMEDIATE WEAPON

Electronic control devices produce 50,000 volts of electrical energy to gain control of violent, assaultive and difficult to control subjects when other use-of-force options are ineffective or inappropriate. If the situation dictates, these devices may also be used against suicidal individuals.

There have been dozens of reviews done on the use of electronic control devices. This includes major reviews by the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner in British Columbia, a Review of Conducted Energy Devices by the Canadian Police Research Centre, and an Evaluation of TASER Devices by the Home Office of the United Kingdom. Each found the use of electronic control devices to be an effective, appropriate tool for law enforcement.

PHOTO ENFORCED: RAISE YOUR RIGHT FOOT!

Proactive enforcement by dedicated traffic officers in each of the Service's six districts is supported by our Photo Enforcement program.

There are currently 48 intersection safety camera locations in our city. At any given time, 30 of these locations are operational.

There were 80,321 photo enforcement tickets issued from intersection safety cameras in 2006. The highest speed by a violator through an intersection safety camera was 112 kilometres per hour over the speed limit at St. Mary's Road and Warde Avenue.



Up to 10 mobile enforcement units were also deployed daily to conduct speed enforcement in school, playground and construction zones. The enforced areas must be identified by standard playground, school or construction zone signs.

Mobile unit deployment resulted in 70,051 tickets being issued. The highest speed by a violator captured by a mobile unit was 74 kilometres per hour over the speed limit in a school zone at Wall Street north of Wellington Avenue.

Two Winnipeg drivers who videotaped their street racing activities and posted them on a popular website were charged with Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle under the Criminal Code of Canada and Race with Another Motor Vehicle, Drive Carelessly and Drive Imprudently under The Highway Traffic Act.

CRUISING

Increased awareness and enforcement around cruising continued to be a priority for the WPS in 2006.

While most auto enthusiasts gather to safely showcase their vehicles, others compromise the safety of our community by testing the rules of the road or driving modified cars that do not meet safety standards.

In response, teams of police officers monitored and provided enforcement in areas across the city where cruising is a concern.

From May to October – the peak period for cruising – officers issued 599 offence notices.



COMBATING ORGANIZED CRIME

Winnipeg is well-served by a trained and very committed team of officers who take the lead in investigations involving major crimes. These investigations can include homicides, activities by organized crime groups and the illegal drug trade. While the success of this investigative group is largely predicated on maintaining a low profile, their work often has a huge impact on our community – from dismantling drug dealing operations to curtailing the sale of illegal guns.

In addition to numerous smaller investigations leading to arrests and large seizures throughout the year, this team played an important role in three high profile inter-agency operations in 2006.

- On February 15, numerous search warrants were executed and direct indictments brought against 13 individuals, including three members of the Manitoba Hells Angels, following an investigation led by the Manitoba Integrated Organized Crime Task Force into high-level drug trafficking and organized crime in Manitoba.

During the investigation police made numerous seizures that totaled in excess of seven kilograms of cocaine and three kilograms of methamphetamine from drug traffickers within the Manitoba Hells Angels organization and other drug trafficking cells.

Established in the Spring of 2004, the Manitoba Integrated Organized Crime Task Force is a partnership including investigators from the RCMP, Winnipeg Police Service, Brandon Police Service and other municipal police agencies, backed by resources from the Province. Its mandate is to disrupt and dismantle organized crime in Manitoba.

- On June 16, arrest and search warrants were executed at three Winnipeg addresses and suspects were taken into custody in relation to the April 2006 murders of eight Bandidos associates near Sheddron, Ontario. This operation was the culmination of a lengthy, complex inter-agency investigation in cooperation with the Ontario Provincial Police, Elgin County Division.
- On August 25, WPS and RCMP members executed search warrants on two properties in the rural communities of Komarno and Gimli, Manitoba that resulted in large seizures of weapons, ammunition clips, drugs and stolen property including snowmobiles – and the arrest of two individuals. The efforts capped a lengthy investigation into gun trafficking that began in January 2006.

PROVINCE DOUBLES PROVINCIAL INVESTMENT IN THE MANITOBA INTEGRATED ORGANIZED CRIME TASK FORCE

In November, the Province of Manitoba announced new funding for the successful Manitoba Integrated Organized Crime Task Force. The increase in funding from \$400,000 to \$800,000 annually in 2007 will be used to fund operational costs such as more complex undercover investigations.



MORALS UNIT PROVIDES A SEX TRADE REALITY CHECK

The sex trade continues to have a negative impact on neighbourhoods across our city. The WPS is committed to assisting and supporting these neighbourhoods.

A key component of our efforts in 2006 was the Sex Trade Reality Check Program developed by our Morals Unit in partnership with the Province of Manitoba's Neighbourhoods Alive! initiative, The Salvation Army, Manitoba Justice and SAGE House.

The campaign educates the public about the sex trade and its consequences for sex-trade workers, consumers and their families as well as the neighbourhoods affected by those who choose to participate in this type of behaviour.

The initiative is part of an overall approach by the Morals Unit, which is focussing more of its work on discouraging and arresting sex trade consumers.

"A Sex Trade Reality Check" brochures (available as a PDF on the WPS website) were introduced in May 2006. They are being distributed by members of the Morals Unit and by uniform members in neighbourhoods where the sex-trade is more prevalent.

To provide additional awareness, the Unit also developed advertisements that were placed on Winnipeg Transit buses.

Through continued education and enforcement, the WPS and its partners are confident that over time, we can change attitudes regarding the sex trade. Victims and consumers come from all walks of life and the impact is felt throughout the city.

This initiative is an excellent example of a proactive approach for resolving a serious problem experienced by our communities.

In 2006, 48 sex trade consumers were charged with solicitation, 37 vehicles were seized and 113 sex trade workers were arrested for prostitution.





PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM CLAN LABS

On June 16 a new 10-member Clandestine Lab Unit was introduced. The Unit consists of members trained and equipped to dismantle methamphetamine and extraction labs.

The new Unit works under a formal protocol that unites police, firefighters, paramedics, social agencies and utilities so emergency responders can better investigate synthetic drug labs. The new Unified Takedown Protocol recognizes that while police agencies investigate and identify evidence in a case, other organizations have required expertise in areas such as fire suppression, neutralizing hazardous materials, emergency medical treatment, social services, building structure analysis, and hydro and natural gas service.

METH ACTIVITY INCREASES

Crystal methamphetamine is more common in western provinces and in many American states but is starting to show up in Winnipeg with more frequency. Made from a variety of legally available ingredients, it's one of the most addictive drugs on the street.

Our members have come across three active underground drug labs in the past two years – a meth lab, a GHB (date rape drug) lab, and combination lab that produced GHB, meth and ecstasy. Many more operations have been raided where equipment and materials were found, but drugs were not actually being produced at the time.



A GROWING CONCERN

Marijuana grow operations continue to be a problem. The operations are appearing in virtually every area of our city.

In 2006, 80 grow operations in Winnipeg were dismantled by the Service's dedicated Green Team (officers tasked with identifying and dismantling these operations). More than \$253,000 in equipment and over \$14,000,000 in plants were seized.

In addition to old-fashioned policework, the Green Team relies on the cooperation of concerned citizens willing to share information regarding suspicious properties.

The Team provides detailed information on our website, advising citizens on how to spot a potential grow operation. It can be found in the features section on the main page of our website.

The Team, with the support of the Winnipeg Real Estate Board, also hosts a web page that identifies addresses where police have located active marijuana grow operations and growing plants have been seized. First launched in 2005, this list is updated on a bi-weekly basis.

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS UNITE TO COMBAT ARSON

2006 was a busy year for the Arson Strike Force (ASF) which is comprised of members of the WPS, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and Province of Manitoba's Office of the Fire Commissioner.

The ASF apprehended 167 individuals in relation to arson. This includes all arrests, cautions, and referrals to the Youth Fire Stop Program – a program run by the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service for children involved in fire-related activity:

- 92 of those were under 12 and referred to the Youth Fire Stop Program;
- 54 of those were between the ages of 12 and 17 and either arrested, cautioned or referred; and
- 21 of those were 18 or older and were arrested for arson-related offences.

This is the highest number of apprehensions in the past five years and is a strong indicator of the dedication and vigilance of members in their attempts to stay on top of abnormal fire-related behaviours. Intervention at a young age can address abnormal fire setting behaviour and should pay dividends in the future by reducing not only the number of arsons but also potential larger targets for arson that tend to occur when young fire starters become bored with smaller nuisance fires.

ASF's success in locating and referring young children to this program is due in large part to the team's quick response and credibility in the community. This includes the team's ability to reach out to parents and persons affected, relaying the importance in apprehending the individuals responsible and appropriately dealing with them through enforcement or education.

THE ASF INVESTIGATED 1,230 DUMPSTER FIRES IN 2006.

HISTORY UP IN FLAMES

While most people are all too aware of the dangers associated with arson, the impact it can have on our city's rich and storied history was brought to the forefront when a fire destroyed the Thistle Curling Club at 754 Minto Street on June 10.

An extensive investigation by ASF detectives led to the arrest of a 21 year old male. This fire destroyed a recreational facility that was a gathering place in the community, and was filled with historical, irreplaceable articles that were also destroyed.





THE SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSONS

One of the greatest concerns for the WPS is the well-being and safe return of men, women and children who go missing in our community each year.

In 2006, our Missing Persons Unit handled more than 3,500 such files. On a typical day, that translates into 70 – 90 active files with that average climbing dramatically during the busy summer months.

The WPS has one of the largest full-time municipal missing persons units in North America. Five full-time investigators are assigned to this important work.

Teamwork and cooperation are essential to the success of the Unit. For example, the team has been proactive in working more closely with family members and stakeholders such as Child and Family Services and members across the Service in locating missing children.

The Unit has also been proactive in enlisting the assistance of local media outlets and the general public in locating missing persons. Last year, information on 15 missing persons was disseminated through the media. All but four of these individuals were subsequently located.

GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM INTRODUCED

The Service's missing persons search capabilities were further bolstered in 2006 following the creation of a 15-person Ground Search Team.

Additionally, the initiative resulted in formal search training for approximately 150 officers and WPS Community and Victim Services volunteers who can also be called in to assist with larger searches should the need arise.

Working in conjunction with the Missing Persons Unit, the team assists with labour-intensive ground searches in locations such as heavily wooded areas. The team has already played an important role in saving at least one life.

The team is committed to ongoing training with the province-wide Ground Search and Rescue Network whose exercises have been partially funded over the past three years under the New Initiatives Fund, sponsored by the Canadian Search and Rescue Secretariat.



WINNIPEG AUTO THEFT SUPPRESSION STRATEGY

The Stolen Auto Unit (SAU) partnered with Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI), Manitoba Justice (Youth Correctional Services and Prosecutions), and researchers from the University of Manitoba, to establish the Winnipeg Auto Theft Suppression Strategy (WATTS). Initiated in 2005, and funded directly by MPI, the goal of the program is to reduce auto theft in Winnipeg.

The SAU and all Uniform Patrol officers had a busy year battling auto theft in Winnipeg in 2006. After an encouraging start to the strategy that produced an 11% reduction in auto theft in 2005, Winnipeg experienced a 16% increase in stolen autos in 2006.

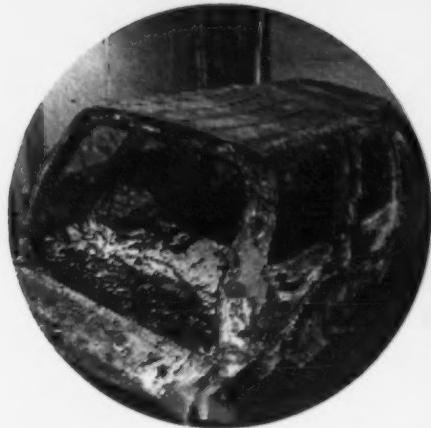
An analysis of this trend indicated that many of the offenders incarcerated in 2005 were released from custody in the first quarter of 2006. The release of so many high-risk offenders is believed to be a contributing factor to the spike in auto thefts that occurred during this period.

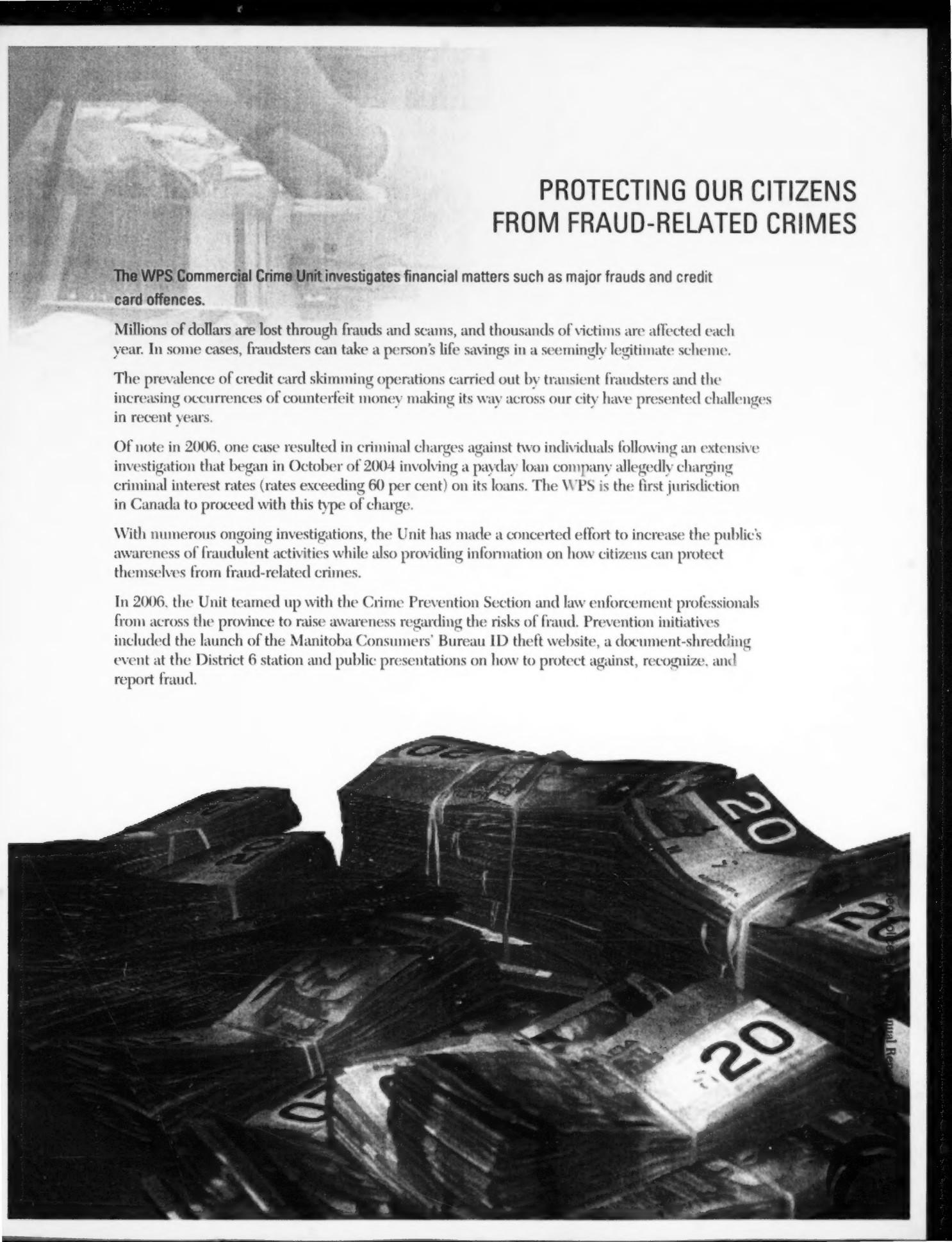
The SAU responded with a concerted effort to target and re-establish control of identified high-risk offenders. This was done through heightened curfew checks and, where appropriate, additional arrests.

Members in each of the six Uniform Patrol Divisions have been very supportive of this strategy. One member from each of the 36 Uniform Patrol platoons serves as a liaison to the SAU and takes an active role in addressing auto theft issues in their patrol districts. A total of 885 high-risk offender curfew checks were conducted in 2006. In the third and fourth quarter of 2006 auto thefts were again on the decline.

This was a defining year for WATTS; communication between the SAU and other partners has proven to be one of the strongest assets of the strategy. The SAU works closely with the Crown's Office and Probation Services to ensure that high risk offenders are identified and continually monitored and compliant or returned to custody should they re-offend or breach their release conditions.

The strategy is enhanced with designated Crown Attorneys who are knowledgeable about the specific histories of each offender and can relate offender histories to the Court. WATTS—when applied with due diligence—strongly contributes to measurable reductions in auto theft.





PROTECTING OUR CITIZENS FROM FRAUD-RELATED CRIMES

The WPS Commercial Crime Unit investigates financial matters such as major frauds and credit card offences.

Millions of dollars are lost through frauds and scams, and thousands of victims are affected each year. In some cases, fraudsters can take a person's life savings in a seemingly legitimate scheme.

The prevalence of credit card skimming operations carried out by transient fraudsters and the increasing occurrences of counterfeit money making its way across our city have presented challenges in recent years.

Of note in 2006, one case resulted in criminal charges against two individuals following an extensive investigation that began in October of 2004 involving a payday loan company allegedly charging criminal interest rates (rates exceeding 60 per cent) on its loans. The WPS is the first jurisdiction in Canada to proceed with this type of charge.

With numerous ongoing investigations, the Unit has made a concerted effort to increase the public's awareness of fraudulent activities while also providing information on how citizens can protect themselves from fraud-related crimes.

In 2006, the Unit teamed up with the Crime Prevention Section and law enforcement professionals from across the province to raise awareness regarding the risks of fraud. Prevention initiatives included the launch of the Manitoba Consumers' Bureau ID theft website, a document-shredding event at the District 6 station and public presentations on how to protect against, recognize, and report fraud.

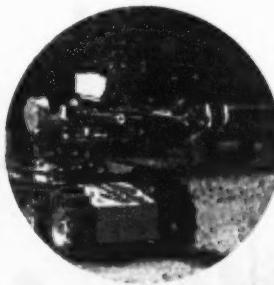
IN SUPPORT OF FRONTLINE MEMBERS AND INVESTIGATORS

Both Uniform Patrol and Investigative Operations benefit greatly from the support of the Service's Specialty Operations Units. Each Unit may be called upon to handle situations which require special equipment, weapons and training.

In 2006:

- The Bomb Unit was deployed 42 times. The Unit provides specialized support in any situation involving suspected explosive or incendiary materials, including the transportation and disposal of these materials, as well as certain aspects of any subsequent investigation.
- The Crisis Negotiators Unit was activated 19 times in response to situations where mediation and negotiation may diffuse or resolve a critical incident.
- The Crowd Management Unit responded to three incidents in 2006 including the week-long Charging Bison exercise, Critical Mass bike rides and Grey Cup. The Unit provides specialized support to ensure public and police officer safety in the response to incidents which have the potential for civil disorder and that may be beyond the capability of conventional police resources.

- The Emergency Response Unit was called out 15 times. The Unit provides specialized support to ensure public and police officer safety in the resolution of high risk incidents in which there is a real or perceived threat to human life.
- The Underwater Search & Recovery Unit was deployed 19 times. The USRU provides support to any Operational or Special Investigations Unit in the search for and/or recovery of vehicles, bodies, physical or trace evidence, in or near any body of water. The Unit also provides tactical support to other units in the form of surveillance, transportation and security during any event on or near a body of water.



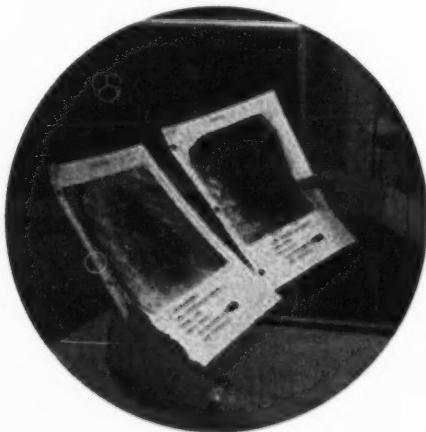
FORENSIC UNIT PROVIDES IMPORTANT ROADMAP FOR INVESTIGATORS

The WPS is fortunate to have a well trained and equipped Forensic Services Unit which is tasked with processing major crime scenes as well as examining and analyzing exhibits related to criminal investigations.

In 2006, the Forensic Services Unit:

- assisted with 7,275 investigations, including processing crime scenes and examining and analyzing submitted exhibits.
- fingerprinted 13,898 individuals under the Identification of Criminals Act.
- processed 3,233 latent fingerprint searches on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), resulting in 822 positive fingerprint identifications.
- collected 436 DNA samples for submission to the National DNA Data Bank of Canada resulting in 43 suspects being identified in crimes.
- completed 30 composite drawings resulting in 10 arrests.
- conducted 89 technological crime investigations which involved evidence being retrieved and analyzed from computers, cell phones and other electronic communication devices used in a variety of crimes including homicides, commercial crime and the sale of illegal drugs.
- analyzed and prepared video evidence from 1,347 crime scenes for use internally and externally by investigators in their quest to identify suspects in local offences.

The collection and analysis of such forensic evidence has helped to secure convictions in cases where the chances of success would have been very slim only a decade ago. Equally important is its value in ruling out potential suspects.



ASSISTING VICTIMS OF CRIME

While each member of the WPS is committed to the care and attention of victims of crime, in some instances additional support is needed as victims' matters are dealt with in the criminal justice system.

Given the increasing workload faced by frontline members, additional support has been available through the WPS in the form of its Victim Services Section.

Established in 1982, this team provides victims of crime with information about their cases at any stage of an investigation, and assists them in dealing with problems they have encountered as a result of the crime.

More recently, the Section's efforts have extended to include helping people closely affected by sudden, tragic events. In addition to receiving calls directly from victims and agencies, Victim Services initiates contacts with victims following information received from officers or police bulletins.

Staffed by a full-time police officer and social worker, the Section's success is incumbent on the care and commitment of the 45 trained volunteers who make this overwhelming task manageable.

In 2006, volunteers contributed 9,347 hours enabling the Section to:

- make 10,000 contacts with victims of crime by phone or by information packages;
- process more than 6,000 public inquiries made to the office;
- complete 25 public presentations; and
- conduct approximately 20 home visits.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM PROVIDES VALUABLE CONNECTION

The WPS continues to enjoy a strong partnership with the 83 members who participate in the Community Volunteer Program. These dedicated people contributed more than 13,000 volunteer hours in 2006.

The volunteers assist police members working out of our seven community service centres, as well as four of our district stations, by:

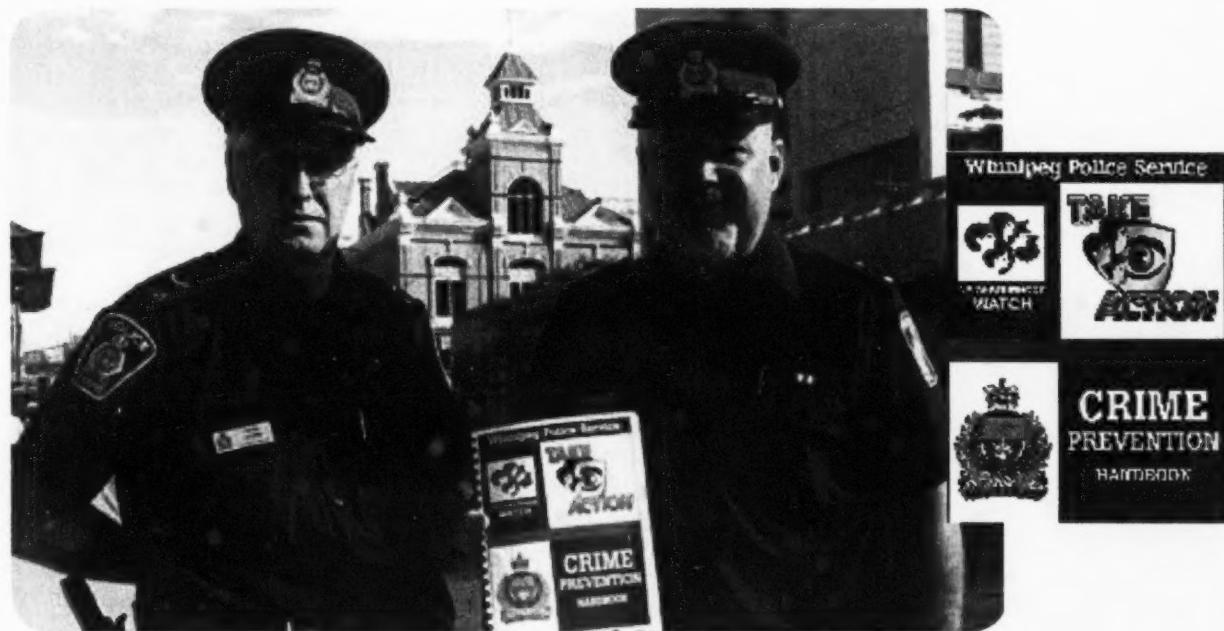
- sharing their knowledge of the community;
- answering telephone calls; and
- providing the public with general information and guidance over the phone or in person with respect to completing police reports.

They also assist with numerous special projects. In 2006, this included events such as the WPS Half Marathon, vehicle inspections, recruit training, Crime Stoppers, Search and Rescue and Bike Rodeos. These committed volunteers also assisted the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service with preparations for Fire Prevention Week.



EDUCATION ESSENTIAL TO CRIME PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

The involvement of citizens in crime prevention programs is essential to ensuring a vibrant, safe and healthy city. Each individual's commitment to participate in an approved, organized program does indeed make an impact.



The Crime Prevention Section made 136 prevention and awareness presentations to citizens and business groups across the city in 2006.

The Section also undertook a review and renewal of the Neighbourhood Watch Program in consultation with our Neighbourhood Watch partners to ensure it provides current, relevant information. It also created a Crime Prevention handbook which is distributed at community meetings and available on the WPS website. The PDF version of the book was downloaded 17,119 times.

The Crime Prevention Section is also active with respect to fanning out information to area residents regarding recent crimes. Using its electronic CAPTAIN System – computerized voice messaging capable of placing up to 800 phone messages per hour to both businesses

and residential homes to assist in crime prevention – the Section was able to send 2,351 messages to 53,710 block captains and co-captains in the Neighbourhood Watch and Stolen Auto awareness programs. The majority of these messages are regarding residential break and enters. The captains then contact residents on their blocks.

Neighbourhood Watch continues to be an important partnership for the Service. In 2006, there were 2,367 blocks and 68,376 residences participating in the program. It is a proactive concept designed to reduce residential break and enters and other property crimes within a community. Through increased awareness and crime prevention tips, participating community members are encouraged to develop good security habits and to watch out for each other's property.

TAKING ACTION IN SCHOOLS

One of the greatest opportunities we have to make positive changes in our community is through the work of our School Education Officers.



During the 2005-06 school year, our School Education Officers made 623 presentations to 32,183 people as part of their award-winning *TakeAction* in Schools program. These presentations, aimed at young people in all grades and adults, covered a variety of topics including:

- Arson
- Bullying and Harassment
- Choices – Stolen Auto
- Gang Awareness
- Impaired Driving
- Internet Safety
- Drug Awareness
- Personal Safety for Children
- Personal Safety for Youth
- Career Opportunities with the Service

Young people today face unique challenges. School Education Officers work closely with school officials and officers from across the Service to ensure their presentations accurately reflect the reality young people face – and in a format that brings home these important messages.

Following are two initiatives introduced by the team during the 2005-06 school year:

- The Choices – Stolen Auto presentation, designed to assist young people understand that they are responsible for their actions. This presentation focuses strongly on the issue of stolen autos – law, consequences, and the impact on victims. Various Criminal Code offences are discussed in the context of individuals between ages 12 and 17.
- The Drug Awareness presentation was enhanced significantly through the creation of a blunt but compelling video – “A Mother’s Message” – on the effects of methamphetamine. A Winnipeg mother speaks to parents and young people about the dangers of drug use and the impact on her family after losing her only daughter to crystal meth use. The mother also alerts parents to the signs of drug use. This video can be seen on the *TakeAction* in Schools page in the Crime Prevention section of the WPS website. Additional information on all presentations is also available.

SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL PROGRAM PLAYS INTEGRAL ROLE IN ENSURING SAFE STREETS AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

The Service’s School Education Officers are also proud to work in partnership with students, educators and community stakeholders to ensure the safety of students traveling to and from school through the School Safety Patrol Program.

The WPS has been involved in this program since 1936. Its success is based on the shared

commitment of the member schools and their patrols and community partners including Manitoba Public Insurance, McDonald’s, CAA Manitoba and The Winnipeg Free Press.

More than 8,000 patrols in seven school divisions and numerous private institutions participate in the program. Our members take the lead in providing ongoing training for the patrols and program supervisors.

TRAINING ACADEMY PROVIDES SOUND FOUNDATION

Ensuring our members are well trained is key to our success in serving the community.

Our Training Academy conducted two recruit classes in 2006. Recruit Class #141 graduated May 11, with 44 Winnipeg Police Service members and two Winkler Police Service members. Recruit Class #142 graduated November 10, with 30 WPS members and one Morden Police Service member.

In 2006, our Training Academy also provided 76 courses (15 mandatory, 9 required and 52 elective) to 7,212 police and 818 civilian members. In addition, 200 members of outside agencies participated in 24 of these courses.

Participant totals reflect the fact members often take more than one course and are much higher this year due to mandatory training involving the use of electronic control devices.

WINNIPEG: A HUB OF TRAINING ACTIVITY

Winnipeg was home to a wide range of national or regional police-related training activity in 2006, including:

- the Associated Certified Forensic Investigators Regional Conference, April 26 – 28;
- the inaugural Canadian Police K9 Association Trainers Conference, May 3 – 5, hosted and organized by the WPS K9 Unit;
- the Level IV Traffic Collision Reconstructionist Training Course, June 5 – 16 hosted by the Central Traffic Unit;
- the National Homicide Investigators Course, June 11 – 15 hosted by members of the Homicide Unit;
- the widely renowned Emotional Survival For Law Enforcement presentation by Dr. Kevin Gilmartin for our members as well as a number of guests from other jurisdictions;
- the 54th annual conference of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators, August 6 – 11;
- the Western Canadian Street Gang Conference, held in Winnipeg September 19 – 22.

RECRUITMENT

Recruiting enough police officers is a challenge for all law enforcement agencies in Canada. The Service continued an aggressive, province-wide advertising and recruitment campaign in 2006. The campaign focused on the challenging and rewarding career opportunities that one could expect as a Winnipeg Police Service member.

New officers hired in 2006 were chosen from a field of 912 applicants.



INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

The WPS continues to move forward with plans to improve our physical infrastructure. We believe this will not only improve working conditions for our members, but will also improve our ability to effectively serve the community by deploying officers more efficiently.

EAST DISTRICT STATION

On March 22, City Council approved an administrative report, paving the way for the relocation of the proposed East District Station site to a parcel of land on Dugald Road. This provides a better parcel of land that can accommodate future expansion of the facility and/or relocation of other operations.

The final floor plan calls for a one-storey, 33,000 square foot facility on a fenced, eight-acre lot in the 1700 block of Dugald Road. It has been designed to accommodate up to 240 people. The proposed move-in date for the new building is September 2008.

The East District station will replace the existing District 4 and 5 stations, which do not meet many building code requirements and do not

support modern-day computerized systems that have become essential to crime prevention and investigation.

The amalgamation of these districts is part of the Service's plan to introduce a Four District Model. In addition to the amalgamation of Districts 4 and 5, the plan also calls for the amalgamation of Districts 2 and 6 to form a West District. Districts 1 (Central) and 3 (North) remain unchanged. New stations are also planned for the new West and North Districts.

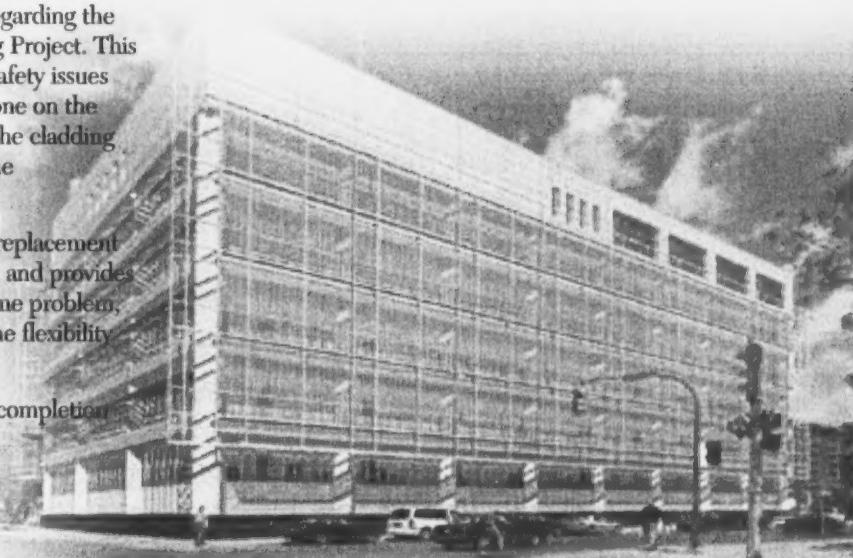


PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING RE-CLADDING

Formal plans were also released regarding the Public Safety Building Re-cladding Project. This project is intended to resolve the safety issues associated with the existing limestone on the exterior of the building. Pieces of the cladding have become dangerously loose due to deterioration.

The new design involves the total replacement of the building's external envelope, and provides a long-term solution to the limestone problem, while at the same time affording the flexibility to accommodate future changes.

This project will commence upon completion of the East District Station.





REFINING AND UPDATING OUR COMPUTER SYSTEMS

It has been two years since the WPS converted to a new Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS).

Under the guidance of an Advisory Committee, the CAD/RMS continues to undergo updates and enhancements to make it more user-friendly and efficient, and to inter-operate more easily with our other computerized processes.

The Service created the RMS Support Unit, whose primary goal is to provide technical assistance to frontline members. Serving as a vital link between our members and system provider Niche Technologies, the Unit is responsible for the ongoing administration, evaluation, improvement and enhancement of the RMS.

Pulling together a team with broad-based knowledge of police procedures, report writing

and information technology enables the Unit to streamline work processes for the benefit of our members and the citizens we serve.

THE POWER OF POLICENET

The WPS also benefits greatly from a secure Intranet site named PoliceNet. It has become a repository for detailed information on policies and procedures as well as important investigative information our members require, such as photos of missing persons and officer safety information.

Officers using mobile laptop computers in cruiser cars have secure access to this important tool.

DEMAND FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS CONTINUES TO INCREASE

As organizations become more aware of their roles and positions of trust, more are requiring employees and volunteers to have formal criminal record checks completed before being hired.

Members working at our Enquiry Counter assisted by the Correspondence Unit and Records Compilation staff completed 45,738 checks in 2006. This number is 4,714 (37%) more than the number completed in 2005 (41,024) and 16,924 more than the number of record checks completed just five years prior in 2001.

The average turnaround time for completing these checks is 10 business days.

Many agencies working in the vulnerable persons sector are requesting their staff have criminal record checks completed annually, while others are requiring these checks to be completed every three to four years.

Adding to the increase in workload is a new trend that has seen private companies drop off as many as 400 applications as they are working under International Trade Agreements requiring all employees to be re-checked annually. Special events such as last year's Grey Cup and the Operation Red Nose safe ride program require similar checks.

Enquiry Counter staff members not only process the criminal record checks but also process requests from justice and law enforcement agencies. They also assist the public with pardons and exoneration applications, and take applications for incident confirmations and motor vehicle collision reports and other similar matters.





CHARGING BISON

Approximately 450 members of the Army Reserve, the Regular Army and Air Force as well as approximately 40 members of the U.S. National Guard were stationed in Winnipeg at three camps from April 28 to May 7 as part of an intensive training exercise.

It's believed to be the largest military training exercise ever held in a Canadian city. 38 Canadian Brigade Group is comprised of military platoons representing an area larger than Western Europe – Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northwest Ontario. Winnipeg provided the most effective location to conduct this training as it is the most central location for Brigade members and provides a solid urban training environment. WPS members provided security services during the exercise.

While the event was a military-specific training exercise, its presence in Winnipeg was also a valuable training opportunity for WPS members and an opportunity to foster closer relationships between law enforcement and intelligence agencies from across the country.



*Presented to
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Exercise Charging Bison 2006
From the Commander and Soldiers of
38 Canadian Brigade Group*



LIGHTING THE WAY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

In 2006, WPS members and their law enforcement peers from across the province were proud to help light the way for Special Olympians.

Manitoba and the City of Brandon hosted the Special Olympics Canada Summer Games from July 18 to 23. As is customary around the world, members of the law enforcement community involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) brought in the symbolic torch to kick off the Games.

It was a fine way to cap a year of fun and fundraising for Manitoba's law enforcement community, which collectively raised \$65,000 in support of Special Olympics.

This year, in addition to traditional fundraising activities by the LETR Committee (community runs, Polar Bear Plunge, golf tournament, raffles and member-driven fundraisers along the way), they helped organize a new local event called the World's Largest Convoy.

The convoy featured more than 40 trucks travelling around the Perimeter Highway with Special Olympians on board. Truckers were asked to donate \$100 per truck to Special Olympics, with the lead truck contributing \$1,500 for the honour.





COPS FOR CANCER

Fundraising initiatives under the Cops for Cancer banner continued to inspire members to give of their time, while finding creative ways to create greater awareness and raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society.

These efforts were formally acknowledged in 2006 when representatives of the WPS Cops For Cancer Head Shave and IronCops team were recognized by the Canadian Cancer Society, Manitoba Division for their work.

They were presented the 2006 Silver Alliance Award during the Society's Magic of People Volunteer Awards Dinner. The Award celebrates individual volunteers and/or groups who have formed a partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society, Manitoba Division and other groups, organizations, businesses or associations.

The Cops for Cancer Head Shave has been a cornerstone of the fundraising efforts of WPS

members since 1997 when the first head shave was held at St. Vital Centre. The program has raised \$310,000 since its inception, and at least 13 officers have taken part in the effort each year.

The IronCops program has raised about \$265,000 since its inception in 2001. IronCops raise funds and compete alongside law enforcement officers across Canada in the famous Penticton Ironman.

They also organize the annual WPS Half Marathon fundraiser. Open to all citizens, 1,150 runners and 105 2-person relay teams registered in 2006.

SIRENS FOR LIFE

The inaugural Winnipeg Police Service – Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) Sirens For Life Blood Donor Challenge was held in 2006. The event, intended to increase awareness and blood donations for Canadian Blood Services (CBS), exceeded expectations.

The effort resulted in 113 blood donations made on behalf of the WPS during the month-long challenge. Members of the WFPS were slightly more active, mobilizing 133 donors.

CBS states that each pint of blood has the potential to save three lives.



EMBRACING DIVERSITY



Winnipeg is one of Canada's most culturally diverse communities. While this creates unique challenges, it also creates a wealth of opportunity for the Service in our efforts to provide the community with a continually improving police service.

In 2006, the Service expanded its Diversity Relations Section to better position our organization to identify and respond to the law enforcement needs of all community stakeholders.

In addition to the Section's ongoing efforts with numerous community groups, highlights in 2006 included:

- Members continued their support in developing and promoting the national Law Enforcement & Diversity (LEAD) Network. Launched in 2005, the LEAD Network is a partnership with law enforcement agencies across Canada, which encourages multicultural groups, Aboriginal communities, and police services to build stronger relationships and work together to make our communities safe and secure. The WPS has been active with LEAD's Education and Training Committee, which is tasked with developing training and sharing good practices in Aboriginal and diversity awareness and education. The WPS is also in the midst of ongoing community consultations in partnership with LEAD and Heritage Canada to gather opinions and ideas from members of Canada's diverse communities that will enable LEAD to implement a national action plan.
- The Service is also working with the Newcomers Employment and Education Development Services (NEEDS) Centre. NEEDS provides accessible services and supports the multi-faceted needs of newcomers to Manitoba especially refugees, war-affected children, youth, victims of torture and their families. Their work includes programming designed to help prevent at-risk refugee youth from joining street gangs and participating in criminal activities.
- The WPS continues to build on the partnership established in 2005 with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) at Winnipeg's EAGLE Urban Transition Centre (EUTC). An arms-length organization of the AMC, the EUTC provides support for First Nations/Aboriginal individuals and families moving to Winnipeg, specifically regarding the challenges of urban living.

POLICE DEMOGRAPHICS (Actual)

Caucasian	1,076
Aboriginal	137
Black	23
Filipino	4
East Indian	1
Asian	25
Other	21
Male	1,110
Female	177

STAFF MEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS (Actual)

Caucasian	368
Aboriginal	22
Black	3
Filipino	3
East Indian	0
Asian	11
Other	6
Male	78
Female	335

NOTE: Numbers include job-sharers, casual employees, accommodations and members on supernumerary status. The above statistics are based on voluntary declaration made by employees. The Human Resources Division is permitted to ask for the ethnic/race declaration but does not compel employees to respond if they choose not to. Actual percentages of minorities may be higher than depicted as employees choosing not to make a declaration are assumed to be Caucasian.

Figures obtained through PeopleSoft - November 20th, 2006

AWARDS AND HONOURS

In 2006, many of our members were recognized for their excellent work by both the Service and outside agencies. Following is a snapshot of the commitment to excellence that exists throughout the Service:

- S/Sgt. Jernej Anderlic was the 2006 recipient of the James Toal Award of Excellence, presented to a current or recently retired WPS officer, recognizing significant contributions to his or her community, the WPS and law enforcement in general.
- 28 members were eligible to receive Exemplary Service Bars for outstanding service and commitment to our community for 30 years.
- 22 members were eligible to receive Exemplary Service Medals for serving the community with distinction for 20 years.
- 38 members were eligible to receive 25-year service pins from the City of Winnipeg.
- 30 members were eligible to receive certificates of commendation.
- 28 staff members were eligible to receive Staff Exemplary Service Awards, recognizing outstanding service and commitment over the past 20 years.
- In February, Winnipeg's Black History Month Committee honoured Chief Jack Ewatski and S/Sgt. Ron Johansson of the WPS Diversity Section with certificates of appreciation during the Black Community Awards. The certificates recognize their support and contribution to the Black community.
- Chief Jack Ewatski, Supt. Gord Schumacher, S/Sgt. Ron Johansson and Sgt. John Burchill were presented with Excellence in Law Enforcement Awards during a banquet hosted by Manitoba Attorney General Gord Mackintosh. The awards recognize the significant contributions made by police officers that result in the betterment of their community, their police service or law enforcement.
- The WPS 2005 Simple Plan – Impaired Driving Public Service Announcement won Gold at the 2006 Law Enforcement & Emergency Services Video Association (LEVA) International Shield Awards. The PSA was a collaborative effort between the band Simple Plan, the Central Traffic Unit and the Video Production Section and was created in conjunction with the launch of the 2005 Checkstop Program. It earned first place in the Public Service Announcement Category.
- Cst. Kimberley Allen of the Commercial Crime Unit was presented the regional Canadian Bankers Association Law Enforcement Award for her efforts in bringing an ethnic-based crime group before the courts.
- D/Sgt. Bob Melnyk, the WPS Vulnerable Persons Coordinator, was the 2006 recipient of Community Living – Manitoba's (CLM) President's Award in the category of Justice and Human Rights.



CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES

	City of Winnipeg Totals			Downtown Winnipeg		District 1	
	Totals	Clearances	2005-2006 % Change	Totals	2005-2006 % Change	Totals ²	2005-2006 % Change
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS¹							
Homicide ²	22	95%	-12%	2	-33%	13	44%
Attempted Murder ²	15	88%	25%	0	NC	6	200%
Sexual Assault ^{2,3}	664	40%	-1%	64	31%	208	-3%
Other Sexual Offences ^{2,3}	23	50%	5%	1	0%	4	-33%
Assault ^{2,3}	5,927	66%	-3%	691	18%	2,036	2%
Abduction ^{2,3}	13	42%	-48%	0	NC	4	-43%
Robbery ³	1,957	32%	7%	236	-9%	652	-1%
Total	8,621	56%	-1%	994	11%	2,923	1%
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY⁴							
Break & Enter ³	7,153	14%	-1%	335	12%	1,232	-12%
Theft Motor Vehicle (attempted)	4,715	1%	15%	174	16%	567	-11%
Theft Motor Vehicle (completed)	8,999	4%	16%	390	5%	1,387	-5%
Total Theft Motor Vehicle ³	13,714	3%	16%	564	8%	1,954	-7%
Theft – Over \$5,000 ³	337	13%	-11%	42	11%	77	-3%
Theft – \$5,000 or Under ³	17,947	13%	-5%	2,595	15%	4,798	3%
Have Stolen Goods	610	99%	-3%	57	-37%	150	-27%
Fraud ³	1,494	41%	8%	146	10%	343	5%
Arson ³	481	20%	51%	9	0%	119	37%
Mischief ³	19,215	4%	-2%	1,537	23%	3,871	0%
Total	60,951	9%	1%	5,285	15%	12,544	-1%
OTHER CRIME							
Prostitution	147	97%	-21%	0	NC	69	-25%
Firearms/Offensive Weapons	487	75%	-4%	49	-8%	143	-20%
Other Criminal Code ^{5,6}	5,694	76%	-5%	593	-6%	1,685	-12%
Total	6,328	76%	-6%	642	-6%	1,897	-13%
GRAND TOTAL	75,900	20%	0%	6,921	12%	17,364	-2%
Total Area (square km)	475.20			3.30		14.22	
Events for Service – Dispatched & On View ⁶	153,193					44,207	
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT PROVINCIAL OFFENCE NOTICES ISSUED⁶							
Speeding	13,409					3,073	
Disobey Traffic Control Device	7,846					1,465	
Drive without a Licence	2,306					590	
Total (includes all HTA offences)	34,048					7,384	
PHOTO ENFORCEMENT OFFENCES							
Mobile Photo Radar Total	70,051						
Intersection Safety Cameras							
Speeding	68,944						
Red Light	11,377						
Total	80,321						
GRAND TOTAL	150,372						

NC = Not Calculable

Criminal Code Offence data is based on Uniform Crime Reporting data submitted to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada and cannot be compared to data published on the CrimeStat website.

1 Offences listed under Crimes Against Persons are a sampling of violent crimes involving at least one victim.

2 Totals reflect number of victims.

3 Includes attempted and actual.

4 Offences listed under Crimes Against Property are a sampling of crimes where the target is property.

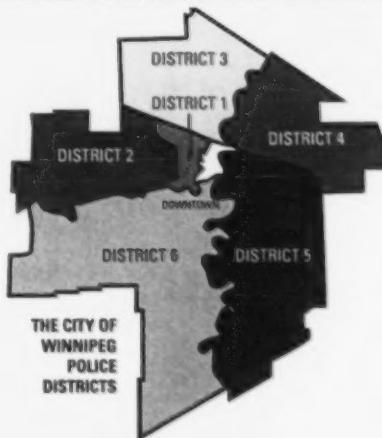
5 Other Criminal Code include kidnapping, hostage taking, criminal harassment, uttering threats, production/distribution of child pornography, explosives causing death/bodily harm, criminal negligence causing death, other related offences causing death, conspire to commit murder, bail violations, disturbing the peace, breach of probation, indecent acts, counterfeiting currency and other violations.

6 Calls where a police unit was assigned.

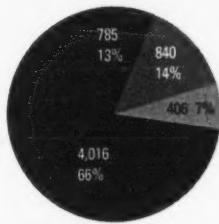
7 Downtown Winnipeg statistics are included in District 1 totals.

8 District totals will not add up to the City of Winnipeg Totals due to a number of Provincial Offence Notices being issued outside of the City Of Winnipeg or location information being entered incorrectly.

9 Includes perverts where there is sufficient evidence to lay a charge, but the suspect is processed by other means.



CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES – PERSONS CHARGED⁹



Crimes Against Persons



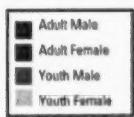
Crimes Against Property



Other
Criminal Code



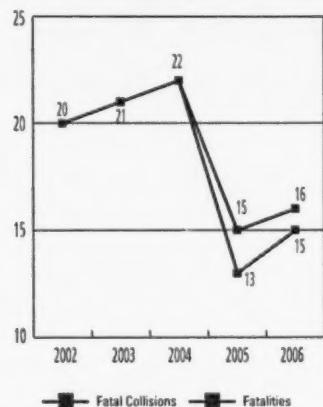
Total Criminal Code (including Criminal Code Traffic Offences)



MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

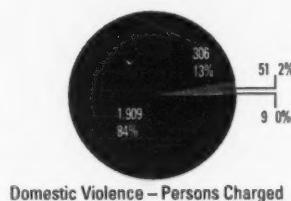
	# of Persons Charged	2005 - 2006 % Change
Dangerous Operation Causing Death	1	0%
Dangerous Operation Causing Bodily Harm	11	22%
Dangerous Operation	100	45%
Dangerous Operation Evade Police	52	108%
Impaired Operation Causing Death	2	NC
Impaired Operation Causing Bodily Harm	11	-15%
Impaired Operation or Over .08	470	-17%
Fail/Refuse to Provide Breath/Blood Sample	9	-18%

FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS¹

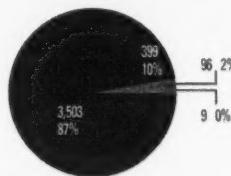


Domestic Violence²

	2006 Totals	%
Total Domestic Events for Service ³	16,639	
Total Domestic Violence ⁴	2,464	
Total Events – Both Persons Charged	67	
Persons Charged		
Adult Male	1,909	84%
Adult Female	306	13%
Youth Male	51	2%
Youth Female	9	0%
Total Number of Persons Charged	2,275	
Charges Laid		
Adult Male	3,503	87%
Adult Female	399	10%
Youth Male	96	2%
Youth Female	9	0%
Total Number of Charges Laid	4,007	

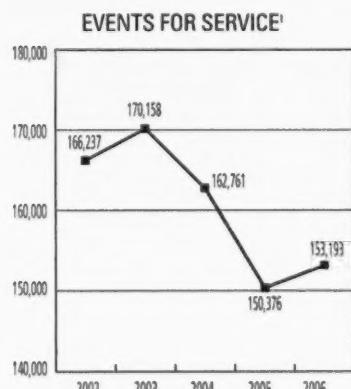


Domestic Violence – Persons Charged



Domestic Violence – Charges Laid

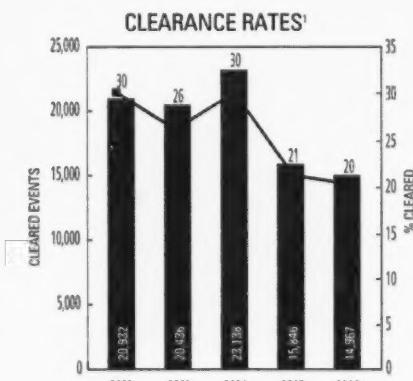
■ Adult Male ■ Youth Male
■ Adult Female ■ Youth Female



■ Dispatched & On View Events

TOP 5 EVENTS FOR SERVICE¹

Event Type	Count
Domestic Disturbance	16,639
Traffic Stop	15,180
Disturbance	8,933
Traffic Complaint	8,596
Suspicious Person	6,600



■ Cleared Events ■ % Cleared

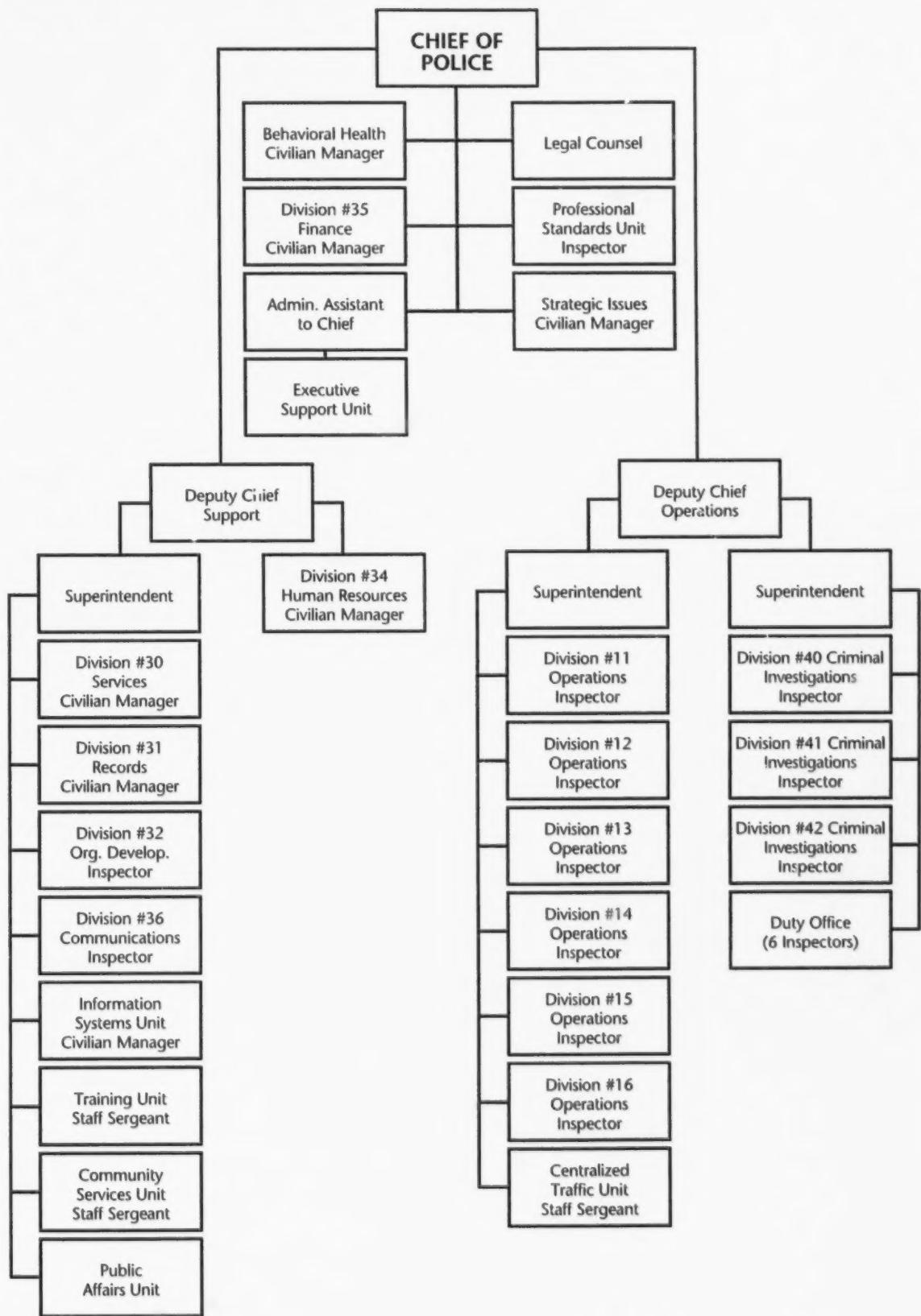
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1 On April 20, 2004 the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) implemented new records management and computer automated dispatch systems. Therefore, caution should be exercised in interpreting the comparison data for 2004 with that of other years.

2 Events where the accused and victim are in a current or past domestic relationship.

3 Includes domestic-related cases which involve breaches of Court Orders only.

4 Includes events which may be processed by means other than arrest.





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